

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

FACT SHEET
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES - JUNE 2009
 (Click on web links to view 12-month data for each category)
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REFERRALS

<u>Evaluated Out</u>	1,955
<u>In-Person Response</u>	10,804
Referral Children With Allegation Disposed	3,748
Referral Children With Allegation Disposition Pending - Referrals Still Under Investigation	7,056
Total Referral Children Received during Month	12,759

REFERRAL CHILDREN RECEIVED BY ALLEGATION TYPE

<u>Sexual Abuse</u>	1,253	9.8%	<u>Exploitation</u>	17	0.1%
<u>Physical Abuse</u>	2,543	19.9%	<u>Caretaker Absence/Incapacity</u>	259	2.0%
<u>Severe Neglect</u>	159	1.2%	<u>At Risk, Sibling Abuse</u>	3,101	24.3%
<u>General Neglect</u>	3,831	30.0%	<u>Substantial Risk</u>	265	2.1%
<u>Emotional Abuse</u>	1,331	10.4%	Total	12,759	100.0%

IN-HOME AND OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES CASELOAD (CHILDREN) AS OF JUNE 30, 2009

In-Home and Out-of-Home Services Caseload		* Adoption Services Caseload	
<u>Emergency Response (Open Services Cases)</u>	660		5
<u>Family Maintenance</u>	10,484		69
Under 12 Months	9,443		
Over 12 Months	1,041		
<u>Family Reunification</u>	8,132		1,725
Under 18 Months	7,561		
Over 18 Months	571		
<u>Permanent Placement</u>	12,852		4,486
Total Children Receiving Child Welfare Services	32,128		6,285

* Adoption services caseload represents children in in-home and out-of-home services caseload receiving adoption services.

CHILD CHARACTERISTICS

Age		
<u>Birth - 2 Years</u>	5,919	18.4%
<u>3 - 4 Years</u>	3,448	10.7%
<u>5 - 9 Years</u>	7,515	23.4%
<u>10 - 13 Years</u>	5,987	18.6%
<u>14 - 15 Years</u>	3,606	11.2%
<u>16 - 17 Years</u>	3,863	12.0%
<u>18 Years & Older</u>	1,790	5.6%
Age Total	32,128	100.0%
Gender		
Male	15,908	49.5%
Female	16,220	50.5%
Gender Total	32,128	100.0%
Ethnicity		
<u>White</u>	3,829	11.9%
<u>Hispanic</u>	17,724	55.2%
<u>African American</u>	9,596	29.9%
<u>Asian/Pacific Islander</u>	595	1.9%
<u>American Indian/Alaskan Native</u>	127	0.4%
<u>Filipino</u>	186	0.6%
<u>Other</u>	71	0.2%
Ethnicity Total	32,128	100.0%

CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

<u>Relative/Non-Relative Extended Family Member Home</u>	7,600
<u>Foster Family Home</u>	1,255
<u>Foster Family Agency Certified Home</u>	5,773
<u>Small Family Home</u>	110
<u>Group Home</u>	915
<u>Other (Tribal and Court Specified Homes)</u>	44
Total Out-of-Home Placement	15,697
<u>Non Foster Care (NFC) Placement</u>	174
<u>Adoptive Home - Adoption Not Finalized</u>	1,362
<u>Guardian Home</u>	2,801
Total Placement (Includes NFC Placement, Adoptive Home, and Guardian Home)	20,034

NOTE: In the above, 1,652 children received D Rate and 450 received F Rate care.

FOSTER CARE RESOURCES

		Homes	Beds
<u>Foster Homes **</u>		1,268	3,169
<u>Foster Family Agency Homes (self-report)</u>		4,975	14,221
<u>In Los Angeles County</u>		3,062	8,738
<u>Out-of-County</u>		1,913	5,483
<u>Small Family</u>		89	175
<u>Group Homes *</u>		196	2,615
<u>In Los Angeles County</u>		154	1,977
<u>Out-of-County</u>		42	638

RUNAWAY AND ABDUCTED CHILDREN

<u>Children Who Ran Away During the Month</u>	Not Available
<u>Children Who Were Abducted During the Month</u>	Not Available

NOTE: Data extracted from DCFS Abducted and Runaway Kids System (ARKS) on mm/dd/yy. Counts reflect data as of the date when data were extracted. A child is counted once during the report month.

Source: Data are from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management

System (CWS/CMS) Datamart History Table, unless stated otherwise.

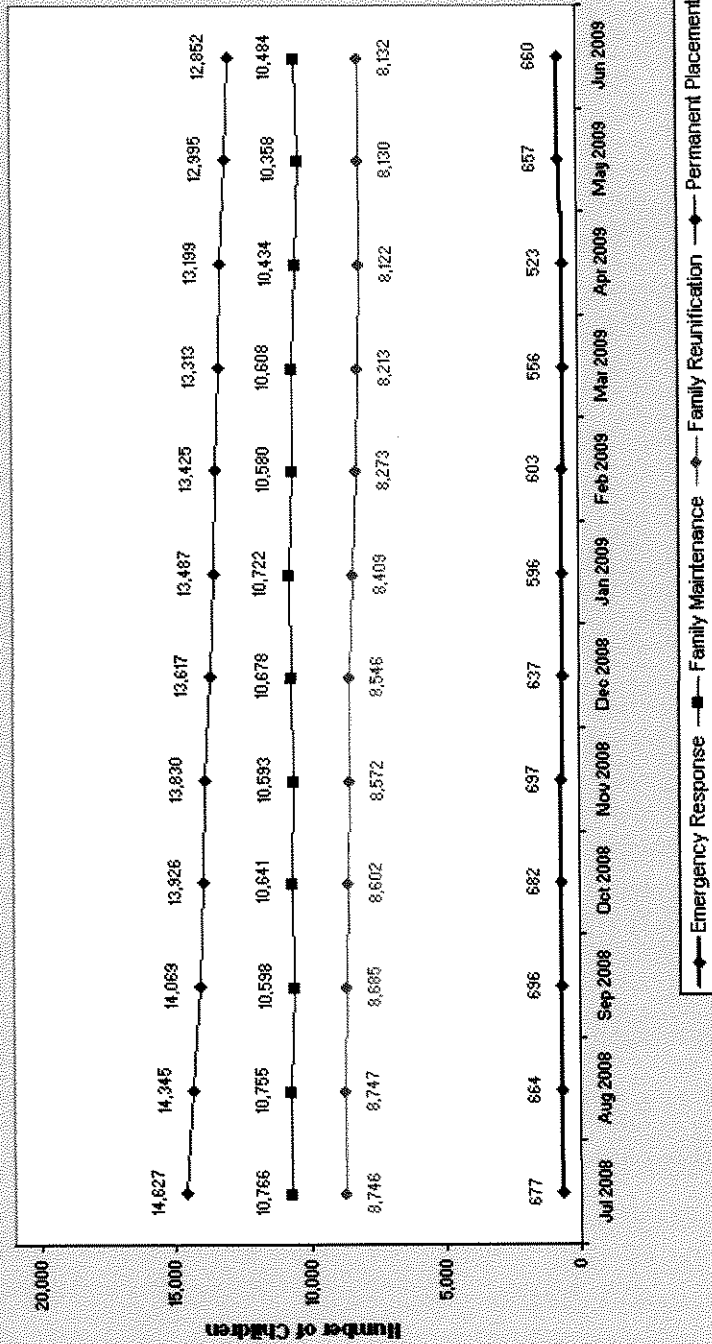
* Data are being tracked by DCFS Group Home Resource Development and Support Section.

** Excluded licensed homes on hold.

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IN-HOME AND OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES CASELOAD

(July 2008 to June 2009)



IN-HOME AND OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES CASELOAD

	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009
Emergency Response (Open Services Cases)	677	664	696	682	697	637	596	603	556	523	657	660
Family Maintenance	10,766	10,755	10,598	10,641	10,593	10,678	10,722	10,580	10,608	10,434	10,358	10,484
Family Reunification	8,746	8,747	8,685	8,602	8,572	8,546	8,409	8,273	8,213	8,122	8,130	8,132
Permanent Placement	14,627	14,345	14,069	13,926	13,830	13,617	13,487	13,425	13,313	13,199	12,995	12,852
Total	34,816	34,511	34,048	33,851	33,692	33,478	33,214	32,881	32,690	32,278	32,140	32,128

Source: Data are from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Datamart History Database - A snapshot of active cases in the caseload at the end of each report

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CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT

(July 2008 to June 2009)

	Relative Home	Foster Family Home	Foster Family Agency Certified Home	Small Family Home	Group Home	Other Placement	Total Out- of-Home Placement	Medical Placement	Adoptive Home - Adoption Not Finalized	Guardian Home	* Total Placement
July 2008	9,017	1,374	5,910	139	1,170	48	17,658	179	1,338	3,103	22,278
August 2008	8,802	1,366	5,864	135	1,171	51	17,389	185	1,215	3,043	21,832
September 2008	8,726	1,343	5,876	132	1,121	52	17,250	179	1,251	2,994	21,674
October 2008	8,592	1,370	5,878	125	1,060	50	17,075	196	1,253	2,958	21,482
November 2008	8,553	1,355	5,900	122	1,044	51	17,025	202	1,279	2,919	21,425
December 2008	8,388	1,362	5,795	121	990	54	16,710	193	1,217	2,925	21,045
January 2009	8,224	1,340	5,695	121	995	54	16,429	184	1,210	2,986	20,809
February 2009	7,961	1,317	5,778	118	972	53	16,199	182	1,294	2,982	20,657
March 2009	7,913	1,311	5,745	122	947	49	16,087	180	1,387	2,929	20,583
April 2009	7,760	1,271	5,656	115	916	48	15,766	180	1,397	2,909	20,252
May 2009	7,687	1,275	5,714	112	916	44	15,748	176	1,326	2,880	20,130
June 2009	7,600	1,255	5,773	110	915	44	15,697	174	1,362	2,801	20,034
Average	8,269	1,328	5,799	123	1,018	50	16,586	184	1,294	2,952	21,017

* Total Placement includes children in Non Foster Care Placement, Adoptive Home - Adoption Not Finalized, and Guardian Home.

Source: Data are from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Datamart History Database - A snapshot of active cases in the caseload at the end of each report month.



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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE WAIVER CAPPED
ALLOCATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, EDITION 2;
AND INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORITY FOR POSITIONS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TITLE IV-E CHILD WELFARE WAIVER CAPPED
ALLOCATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) - (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This is to request your Board approve the Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Implementation Plan, Edition 2 (Attachment I), and interim ordinance authority to support the expansion and/or implementation of second sequence CADP strategies/initiatives outlined in this Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2008-09 and 2009-10, including authority to fill 25 staff positions: 15 positions for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and 10 positions for the Probation Department (Probation); approve appropriation adjustments to move funds out of the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) Account and into DCFS and Probation Operating Budgets; and approve delegated authority to the DCFS Director to execute Family Preservation contract amendments.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Implementation Plan, Edition 2, in accordance with the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Capped Allocation Project Five-Year County Plan accepted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on May 18, 2007. Approval of Implementation Plan expenditures in the amount of \$4,000,000 for DCFS and \$191,000 for Probation for FY 2008-09 and \$16,193,000 for DCFS and \$1,309,000 for Probation for FY 2009-10 is requested.

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2. Approve interim ordinance authority, effective immediately, pursuant to County Code 6.06.020, for 25 positions, as shown in Attachment II, to support expansion and/or implementation of the CADP strategies/initiatives listed below, and authorize DCFS and Probation to fill these positions.
3. Approve the attached Request for Appropriation Adjustments (Attachment III) to move \$4,000,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) Account to the DCFS Operating Budget for FY 2008-09 and to move \$191,000 from the PFU Account to the Probation Operating Budget for FY 2008-09.
4. Approve the delegated authority to the DCFS Director to execute Family Preservation contract amendments including programmatic changes within the current Family Preservation contract Statement of Work, and budgetary adjustments to implement the Up-front Assessments for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence for High Risk Cases funded by the Title IV-E Reinvestment Plan and to implement Up-front Assessments for the Emergency Response Command Post funded by AB 2994 revenues included in the FY 2008-09 County Budget, per Attachment IV, and to execute additional amendments to the Family Preservation contracts to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract Sum by no more than 10 percent (10%) of the Maximum Contract Sum, if necessary, to accommodate any unanticipated increase or decrease in units of service provided that: (a) the amendment is in compliance with Section 23-604 of the California Department of Social Services Operations Policies and Procedures Manual; (b) sufficient funding is available; (c) prior County Counsel and Chief Executive Office (CEO) approvals are obtained; and (d) the Director of DCFS notifies your Board and the CEO in writing within ten (10) working days of execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 26, 2007, your Board approved the Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Implementation Plan, Edition 1, allowing DCFS and Probation (the Departments) to expand and/or implement their first sequence CADP strategies and fill necessary staff positions. Under this Implementation Plan, effective July 1, 2007, the Departments began to implement critical system changes in the way child welfare services are provided to children and families in the County. The County continues to utilize this opportunity to test the advantages of a capped allocation strategy with increased flexibility in the use of Title IV-E funds by implementing a redesign of child welfare strategies at the organization, process and service delivery levels.

The two Departments earned \$28.9 million in reinvestment funds during the first year of the CADP which have been placed into the PFU Account. We project spending a portion of this investment, with a majority going to contracted services in the community, in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10. With the recent announcement that the United States has been in a recession since December 2007, concern has mounted that the economic downturn could result in increased maltreatment and larger caseloads for family maintenance and out-of-home care. DCFS reforms have been essential to maintaining positive outcomes for children and families during the first year of the downturn and must be built upon to ensure child safety and well being throughout the recession. By keeping the reform momentum going, we can continue to produce additional reinvestment funds to support the needs of children and families even in

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the midst of the economic crisis (see Attachment V). We will be monitoring our expenditures under the capped allocation on a monthly basis to determine if we will continue to generate additional reinvestment funds to sustain the contract services.

Provided below is a brief description of the second sequence strategies/initiatives that will be implemented and/or expanded using the available flexible funds under the CADP:

DCFS

Expansion of Family Team Decision-Making (FTDM) Conferences – In the first sequence of Waiver initiatives, DCFS increased the number of FTDM facilitators available to conduct permanency conferences for disconnected youth in group home care. During this second sequence of Waiver initiatives, eight additional facilitators and one manager to supervise TDM facilitators will be added in FY 2008-09 and 2009-10. This will allow for the expansion of TDM conferences to families investigated by the Emergency Response Command Post (ERCP), which handles investigations of child abuse and neglect referrals after normal business hours, on weekends, and on County holidays. This expansion is expected to reduce the number of entries into foster care by identifying safe alternative plans and immediate services linkages for families investigated by the ERCP. These additional nine positions were approved by your Board on October 14, 2008 pursuant to the Katie A. strategic plan.

Expansion of Family Finding and Engagement through Specialized Permanency Units in Three Offices – In this second Waiver sequence in FY 2008-09 and 2009-10, three additional Children's Social Workers (CSW) and two Intermediate Typist Clerks (ITC) will be allocated to DCFS's specialized Youth Permanency (YP) Units that were established in the Metro North and Pomona Offices during the first year of the CADP. In addition, six CSWs and one ITC will form a fully staffed YP Unit in the Santa Clarita Office. YP Unit CSWs carry reduced caseloads allowing them to serve the most disconnected and longest waiting youth, including those with no or limited family connections, multiple recent replacements, heavy substance abuse, recent psychiatric hospitalization, and repeat runaways. YP Unit CSWs utilize intensive family finding and engagement strategies and collaborate with internal and external resources to forge durable, permanent connections for these youth. National experts have been contracted to provide training, consultation and support to the YP Units and collaborating staff in their offices.

Up-front Assessments for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence for High Risk Families, with Expanded Family Preservation Services - Through the use of an existing County contracted Family Preservation (FP) agency, DCFS previously established an up-front assessment program in the DCFS Compton office to better serve families by obtaining immediate and thorough assessments of their needs. This was achieved by utilizing experts in the areas of mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence to provide comprehensive assessments and, when appropriate, connecting families to treatment and ancillary services (e.g., homeless services) in the community, including expanded FP services, rather than taking children into care. During this second sequence of Waiver initiatives in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10, DCFS will amend its contracts with FP agencies throughout the County to expand the use of up-front assessments to all regional offices to reach approximately 5,000 assessments of high risk families in FY 2009-10. FP Services and Alternative Response Services (ARS) to connect families to treatment and ancillary services will also be expanded

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by approximately 500 slots in FY 2009-10. Three Children Services Administrator (CSA) I staff will be hired to oversee the expansion of up-front assessments and FP and ARS services.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) – Waiver funding will be utilized by DCFS to restore federal cuts made to Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) programs, including Family Support, Family Preservation, Time-limited Family Reunification Services, and Adoption Promotion Services and Support (APSS) in FY 2008-09. These services are effective in reducing the number of entries into foster care, preserving placements, and shortening timelines to reunification and permanency. If these funding cuts are not restored, DCFS will be required to reduce contracts mid-year for these vital services.

Fund Countywide Prevention Efforts, Such as Differential Response – Waiver funding will be utilized by DCFS to fund countywide prevention efforts, such as a differential response program in FY 2009-10. With differential response, appropriate Child Protection Hotline (CPHL) referrals will be diverted to community agencies before family needs escalate and child safety becomes a concern. Families will have access to services, activities and supports that strengthen their well being through enhanced community response and collaboration. This approach will increase shared responsibility for child safety in the community and decrease the number of referrals to regional offices. Ultimately, only those children and families that require a formal child protection response will receive intervention by regional office staff. DCFS is currently considering various contracting strategies to realize its implementation of the most effective differential response program in FY 2009-10.

Regional Office Community Partnering – Waiver funding will be provided to DCFS regional offices in FY 2008-09 and 2009-10 to promote collaboration via events to deepen the work with community partners on key reform initiatives and expanding prevention services such as eliminating racial disproportionality and disparity, increasing child safety and reducing timelines to permanency.

Probation

Prospective Authorization and Utilization Review Unit – Probation will utilize Waiver funding in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 to establish this unit to assist in the decision making process to match youth and families with appropriate services. This unit will improve consistency in service utilization as referrals to services will be pre-approved, based on whether or not a youth and family meet the specified focus for each service. The unit will be responsible for reviewing the use of each of these services at designated intervals to ensure that there is a systematic approach to the rationale that allows for extended services that may be required to obtain desired outcomes on a case by case basis. This will improve Probation's ability to strategically manage available resources and maximize fiscal resources.

Expansion of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) – In FY 2007-08, Probation leveraged Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction – Intensive Case Management (MIOCR-ICM) grant funding to expand FFT services targeting Probation foster care youth and their families. The grant program required that six supervision DPOs support FFT efforts through intensive case management. Placement Aftercare DPOs supported both in-house and contracted FFT service providers by providing intensive supervision using the evidence based Functional Family Probation supervision model. The MIOCR-ICM grant funding ended in FY 2008-09 however, this grant was, in part, the foundation of the Department's first year initiatives. This

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initiative will require that the aftercare component continues to serve Title IV-E program target population. Waiver funding will be utilized, beginning in FY 2009-10, to fund the six Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) previously funded by the MIOCR- ICM grant program.

Probation added a new program component to this initiative, Parent Daily Reports (PDR). Waiver funding will be utilized by Probation in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 to establish an aftercare support service for youth and families. Five Community Workers will complete PDRs for all youth that have transitioned from Group Home and relative/non-relative care back to their homes. PDRs are a component of the evidence based Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) program and provide crucial information on a family's progress during the first 60 days of family reunification. The PDRs will allow the DPO of Record and the treatment teams to make appropriate interventions, if needed, to support family reunification. It is anticipated that this effort will improve response time to youth and family needs while reducing the percentage of youth that re-enter the foster system and/or fall deeper into the juvenile justice system due to antisocial behaviors that could lead to higher levels of care, such as Camp Community Placement.

Enhanced Cross-Systems Case Assessment and Case Planning – In FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10, Probation will use unspent FY 2007-08 Waiver allocation funds to cover the increased costs for three Clinical Psychologists contracted with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to participate on the Cross-systems Case Assessment and Case Planning Team with three DPOs. This Team is charged with conducting cross-systems assessments for youth with a Suitable Placement court order, developing initial treatment plans for these youth, and identifying the most appropriate placement for all youth newly detained on a Suitable Placement court order.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goals 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being), 7 (Health and Mental Health) and 8 (Public Safety). These goals will be accomplished by providing more preventative services; increasing the number and array of services to allow more children to remain safely in their home; reducing the reliance on out-of-home care through the provision of intensive, focused, individualized services; reducing the number of children and their length of stay in congregate care while ensuring that individualized case planning and appropriate community alternatives are in place; and reducing the timelines to permanency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Departments realized \$28.9 million in child welfare reinvestment funds during the first year of the CADP. The Departments have agreed to split the funding available for reinvestment based on the proportion of actual reinvestment funds each Department earned. DCFS earned \$26.7 million in reinvestment funds, and Probation earned \$2.2 million. The \$28.9 million is currently budgeted in the PFU Account, along with the \$1.2 million that was placed in that account in the FY 2007-08 budget.

DCFS proposes to use \$4.6 million of the available reinvestment funds in FY 2008-09 and \$17.4 million in FY 2009-10. Of these amounts, your Board previously approved funding for the expansion of Team Decision Making under the Katie A. Strategic Plan to cover the costs of

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staff positions in the amount of \$0.6 million for FY 2008-09 and \$1.2 million for FY 2009-10. This request is for approval of the additional recommended actions in the amount of \$4.0 million for FY 2008-09 and \$16.2 million for FY 2009-10, which will be fully financed by reinvestment funds.

DCFS proposed cost detail is as follows:

- **Expansion of Family Finding and Engagement through Specialized Permanency Units in Three Offices** - \$0.5 million in FY 2008-09 for partial year funding of 12 positions and \$1.2 million in FY 2009-10 for full year funding of those positions.
- **Up-front Assessments for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence for High Risk Cases, with Expanded Family Preservation Services** - \$2.4 million in FY 2008-09 for partial year funding of 3 positions and contract costs for assessments, TDM participation, expanded Family Preservation Services and expanded Alternative Response Services and \$8.7 million in 2009-10 for full year funding of these costs. The total cost of the up-front assessment plan for FY 2008-09 is \$2,730,000; however, \$333,000 of this total amount is in the current FY budget and \$2,397,000 will be financed through reinvestment funds.
- **Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)** - \$1.0 million in FY 2008-09 to restore federal funding cuts to the following programs: Family Support, Family Preservation, Time-limited Family Reunification, and Adoption Promotion Services and Support (APSS).
- **Fund Countywide Prevention Efforts, Such as Differential Response** – up to \$6.0 million in FY 2009-10 to implement a countywide differential response program.
- **Regional Office Community Partnering** - \$0.1 million in FY 2008-09 and \$0.3 million in FY 2009-10 to enhance communication with DCFS' community partners.

The cost of the recommended actions for Probation will be approximately \$191,000 in FY 2008-09 and \$1,309,000 in FY 2009-10. Probation cost detail for reinvestment funds during FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 is as follows:

- **Prospective Authorization and Utilization Review Unit** – \$127,000 in FY 2008-09 for partial year funding for 1 Probation Director, 1 Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, and 3 Program Analyst Probation positions and \$513,000 in FY 2009-10 for full year funding of these positions.
- **Expansion of Functional Family Therapy (FFT)** - \$64,000 in FY 2008-09 for partial year funding of 5 Community Worker positions and \$256,000 in FY 2009-10 for full year funding for 5 Community Worker positions and \$540,000 for 6 existing Deputy Probation Officer positions, previously funded by the MIOCR-ICM grant program.
- **Enhanced Cross-Systems Case Assessment and Case Planning** – \$196,000 in FY 2008-09 for DMH staff and \$370,000 in FY 2009-10 for DMH staff. Funding for this

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program is currently within Probation's existing budget and therefore is not being requested.

Approval of the recommended funding will leave a balance of \$4.2 million in reinvestment funds in the PFU Account.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County's CADP provides the Departments with the flexibility to use Title IV-E funds for innovative strategies to accelerate efforts to improve outcomes for children and families in Los Angeles County. The Plan builds upon systems improvements already underway among County departments and community partners.

On April 17, 2007, your Board approved the County's submission of the CADP to CDSS, and on May 18, 2007, CDSS acknowledged receipt of the CADP. CDSS determined that the county level project objectives and proposed use of flexible funding support the overall goals of the waiver demonstration as reflected in the federal Waiver Terms and Conditions, and indicated that staff from their Resources Development and Training Support Bureaus would assist our staff, provide feedback, and coordinate site visits. On June 26, 2007, your Board approved the MOU between the County and CDSS. On October 14, 2008, your Board approved the expansion of Team Decision Making for DCFS, including the addition of eight Supervising Children's Social Workers (SCSW) and one CSA II, under the Katie A. Strategic Plan.

The Chief Executive Office (CEO) concurs with the requested action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Implementation Plan, Edition 2 will allow DCFS and Probation to utilize flexible funding available in the CADP to improve outcomes for children and families. This will be through a combination of the many initiatives the Departments have had underway prior to joining the Demonstration project and the flexibility provided by the CADP to create or expand practice innovations, organizational restructuring and an array of services available in the communities.

The County proposes to develop, implement and expand a wide array of programs and services, to provide individualized services and strategies that are strength-based, family-centered, child-focused and community-based. This array of services will span the service continuum from: 1) Prevention and Early Intervention; 2) Crisis Intervention; 3) Intensive Services; and, 4) Permanency and Aftercare Services.

CONCLUSION

The Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Implementation Plan, Edition 2 utilizes initiatives in FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 that build on the significant systems improvement efforts already underway among Los Angeles County departments and their community partners. DCFS and Probation remain committed in its efforts to improve safety, permanency and well being for the children of Los Angeles County who are at risk, or currently reside in out-of-home care.

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It is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send one copy of the Adopted Board action to each of the following:


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